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MONITORING SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report conducted in PCT/EP2003/050706, of which the instant application is a U.S. National Stage. An English language copy of the International Search Report was concurrently submitted with the filing of the application on April 9, 2005, and the International Examiner cited the following documents:

- (1) International Patent Application No. WO 01/098581 A. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants cite U.S. Published Application No. 2004011488, which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the cited document;

(2) U.S. Patent No. 6,126,785. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants cite U.S. Patent Nos. 6,168,687, 6,059,931 and 6,099,690, which are identified by the Annex to the Search Report as U.S. patent family members of the cited document;

(3) European Patent Application No. 0 826 821. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants cite U.S. Patent No. 6,179,964, which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the cited document;

(4) European Patent Application No. 0 898 014. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants cite U.S. Published Application No. 2002117282 and U.S. Patent No. 6,368,461, which are identified by the Annex to the Search Report as U.S. patent family members of the cited document; and

(5) U.S. Patent No. 4,574,624.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of a German Office action dated September 11, 2003 conducted in German Patent Application No. 102 47 555.5, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular, the German Examiner cited:

(6) German Patent No. 196 34 997 C2 as an "X" category document (a document that, when considered alone, calls into question novelty or inventive step). The German Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims 1 – 31 of the German application;

(7) German Patent No. 197 36 047 A1 as an "X" category document.

The German Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims 1 – 31 of the German application;

(8) German Patent No. 42 39 845 A1 as an "X" category document.

The German Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims 1 – 31 of the German application;

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Moreover, copies of the cited non-U.S. patent documents and the German Search Report are being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

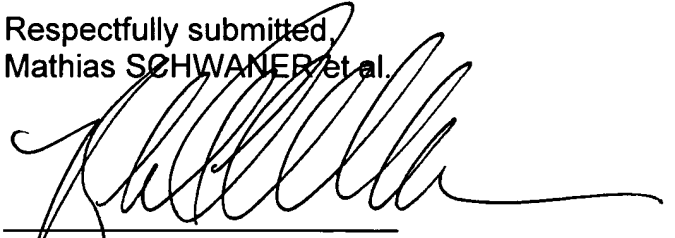
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